विकास के लिये कार्यान्वित की गई या की जाने वाली विभिन्न योजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री आर०एल० जालप्पा): राजस्थान, मध्य प्रदेश और असम में हथकरघों के द्वारा वस्त्र उत्पादन के विकास के लिये निम्नलिखित विकासात्मक योजनाऐं कार्यान्वित की जा रही हैं:—

1. प्रोजेक्ट पैकेज योजना।
2. हथकरघा विकास केन्द्र/उत्कर्ष रंगाई इकाई।
3. कार्यशाला-सह-आवास योजना।

Measures for revival of sick textiles units

144. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken series of measures for revival of sick textile units in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the package worked out and implemented during the last three years and results achieved thereunder with State-wise break-up and action-plan for the current year;

(c) the present status regarding implementation of revival/modernisation plan of sick textile units in Maharashtra; and

(d) whether a high level review of the action-plan implementation for sick textile units has been undertaken with workers' union recently and if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (c) The Government has taken the following steps to revive sick textile mills:

(i) A Nodal Agency was set up in pursuance of the Textile Policy of June, 1985 to work out rehabilitation packages for weak but viable units.

(ii) Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme was created with a corpus of Rs. 750 crores to meet the modernisation requirement of the textile industry.

(iii) Government has set up Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) to inquire into the working of sick industrial companies and to prepare and sanction, as appropriate, schemes for revival of mills.

During the last 3 years, there were 45 cases of textile units registered with BIFR. Out of these, BIFR has drawn up/recommended rehabilitation packages in respect of 14 cases as on 30.6.97. The state-wise details are as under:

State	No. of cases for which rehabilitation packages recommended/drawn up by BIFR during last 3 years (As on 30.6.97)
1. Maharashtra	4
2. New Delhi	1
3. Punjab	1
4. Rajasthan	1
5. Tamil Nadu	5
6. Karnataka	1
7. Gujarat	1
Total	14

(d) No, Sir.

Problems of Garment Exporters

145. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that Garment Exporters are being blackmailed by US Garment Importers;

(b) whether it is a fact that the importers after opening the L/Cs, are not honouring and are asking for heavy dis-

counts on the pretext of low quality; and

(c) whether the Apparel Export Promotion Council has taken up the matter and how many such complaints have been received?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (c) Disputes relating to quality as well as non-payment of dues are raised from time to time by garment exporters as well as importers. While these are normally sorted out between the exporters and importers, in some cases complaints are filed by the exporters or importers with the Apparel Export Promotion Council. Three such complaints have been filed by the garment exporters in India during the current year against importers of U.S.A. considering the large number of shipments that go from the country, these are negligible. Such cases are investigated by the Council and comments or explanation of the importers are obtained from time to time so as to sort out the disputes.

Production/Consumption and Import/ Export of Cotton and Silk

146. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the production and consumption of cotton and silk in the country during the period from 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the target fixed for the same during this period;

(c) the details of cotton and silk imported and exported during this period; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to increase the production of cotton in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R. L. JALAPPA): (a) *Cotton*

	1994-95	1995-96 (in lakh bales of 170 kg. each)
Production	130.50	160.00
Consumption	135.04	151.00 (Source: Cotton Advisory Board)

Raw Silk (in Metric Tons)

Production	14,579	13,909
Consumption	19,982*	18,058* (*represents domestic consumption and export)

(b) No targets are fixed for the production and consumption of cotton and consumption of silk by the Ministry of Textiles. The figures for the targets of production of silk are given below.

Raw Silk (in Metric Tons)

	1994-95	1995-96
Production	17,700	16,790

(c) *Cotton* *Silk*

(in lakh bales of 170 kgs each)				
	1994-95	1995-96	1994-95	1995-96
Import	5.89	0.50	*5403 (in Metric Tons)	*4149
Export	1.08	12.59	937.54 (in Rs. Crores)	846.08

* Import of raw silk is allowed only for export production.

(d) An intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP) is being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture in Cotton Growing States. The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) also supplements the efforts of the Ministry of Agriculture in undertaking extension and developmental activities.

Prevention of Sea Erosion

147. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken